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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 4.

Please replace pending claim 5 with the following:

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5. The assembly of claim 1 wherein said solid resilient material is substantially an organic polymer.

Please replace pending claim 7 with the following:

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7. The assembly of claim 1 wherein the solid resilient material is in the form of a toroidal ring having a circular cross-section.